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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1007

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SUBJECT: PASSPORTS: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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1. ROBERT WALDUM, SUPERINTENDENT OF OIL COMPANIES SCHOOL, AFTER TWO UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS ENTERED LIBYA VIA BENGHAZI CONTINUING ON TO TRIPOLI VIA TAXI. ON AUGUST 5, WAS PICKED UP AT HIS SCHOOL OFFICE AND ESCORTED TO PORTO BENITO POLICE STATION WHERE QUESTIONED BY SULAYMAN SHU'AYB. DETAILS NEED NOT BE REPORTED HERE BUT AFTER QUESTIONING IN PRESENCE OF TWO FRENCH PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WALDUM GIVEN CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

2. SHU'AYB, HOWEVER, RAISED QUESTION OF US GOVT
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RECOGNITION OF ARABIC IN PASSPORTS, STATING

ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED WOULD MAKE ALL US PASSPORT PROBLEMS DISAPPEAR. HE TOLD WALDUM TO SO TELL THE EMBASSY. WALDUM NOTED THAT TEACHERS FOR HIS SCHOOL FALL UNDER EXEMPTION CATEGORY COVERING PETROLEUM WORKERS. SHU'AYB SAID "THIS QUESTION IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR" ADDING THAT WALDUM WOULD HAVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER REGARDING THE STATUS OF HIS TEACHERS AUGUST 7. (THERE ARE THIRTY-THREE RETURNEES AND SEVEN NEW HIRE, ALL HAVING RESIDENT PERMITS AND VISAS ALREADY).

3. COMMENT: WE DOUBT SERIOUSLY THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH WALDUM SHU'AYB WAS EXPRESSING PERSONAL OPINION THAT USG ACCEPTANCE OF ARABIC IN PASSPORT WOULD MAKE HER PROBLEMS DISAPPEAR. MORE LIKELY, LARG IS ABOUT TO PUT PRESSURE ON OIL SCHOOL OVER THIS ISSUE.
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